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PRESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 7, 2001

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2001, Applicants hereby submit the following Response.

INTRODUCTION

Applicants' Agent wishes to thank the Examiner for examining the above-identified Application. Claims 1-20 are pending in the Application, Claims 1-20 have been rejected.

This response fully addresses each and every issue raised in the Office Action dated May 7, 2001. A detailed discussion of each issue is provided in the sections which follow.